

2nd District Milwaukee County Supervisor



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Dear Friends and Neighbors,

Happy holidays! The season changing to cooler weather offers many of us a welcome opportunity to stay warm and spend time with our families.

Let's also keep in our thoughts those for whom the holidays are the most difficult time of the year, and be sure to reach out to your friends and loved ones who may have less family and social support so we can all move forward united and stronger for each other.

Thank you for electing me to serve you. It is an honor to continue to represent and serve the wonderful people of District 2.

Best Wishes,

Sequanna Taylor
Milwaukee County Supervisor, District 2

Youth Courthouse Day



On April 24 Supervisor Taylor hosted her annual Youth Courthouse Day for students across the district. State Senator LaTonya Johnson and Representative David Crowley joined Supervisor Taylor and talked to students about how various levels of government work and interact. If you know a group who would like to schedule a courthouse tour or would like to join us for next year's Youth Courthouse Day, contact our office at Sequanna.Taylor@milwaukeecountywi.gov and we will be happy to host you.

Conversations With Your County Supervisor

Second Thursday of Every Month

Next Meeting

December 13, 2018 • 5:30-7:00 p.m.

Starbucks Coffee

7335 Good Hope Rd. #100

Follow me on Facebook for future locations

Second District Spotlight

Nonprofit

Urban Underground

www.urbanunderground.org • 4850 W. Fond Du Lac Ave.



Urban Underground reaches out to teens who want to make a change in themselves and the city, and I am honored to have them working in our district. Urban Underground promotes the next generation of leaders committed to building safe and sustainable

communities. They lead youth-led social justice campaigns in the areas of health, education, public safety, and juvenile justice reform. If you know a teen between the ages of 13-18 who would like to get involved and make a difference, reach out to Urban Underground at 414-444-8726.

Neighbor

Gary Sprong

Gary Sprong is a longtime resident who took up a life of volunteering for social justice after he retired from his job at AO Smith. Sprong is most active with United Way of Milwaukee and AARP, and can often be found in the district volunteering to improve the lives of seniors.



Supervisor Taylor In the Community



Supervisor Taylor supported the budget resolution to save the JobLines with fellow supervisors, the County Board Chairman, and leaders from MICAH.

This year I hosted my third annual McGovern Park Night Out event. Dozens of district residents came out to celebrate and we even made the news!



Supervisor Taylor co-sponsored the Time of the Month Club with Supervisors Dimitrijevic and Nicholson, a group that collects and distributes hygiene supplies for women in need.

Supervisor Taylor, supervisors, the County Executive, and community leaders, standing in support of migrants and refugees, and in opposition to Trump's "zero-tolerance" immigration policy.



It was a pleasure to hear so many constituents testify at this year's Annual County Board Public Hearing in October.

This year's Juneteenth Day festivities were a little rainy early on, but that didn't keep your State Senator, County Board Supervisor, or City Alderwoman away!



Sup. Taylor's 2018 Legislative Recap

This year I've worked on legislation encouraging local and state governments to facilitate the expungement of criminal records so rehabilitated offenders can find good jobs, on raising awareness of infant mortality, on ensuring people have access to free birth certificates for voting or employment, and in the budget I ensured that our County health department continues to fund HIV/AIDS prevention and access to healthcare for those affected. Over the past year I have sponsored the following resolutions to better the lives of my constituents.

- A resolution encouraging the retroactive decriminalization of marijuana in the State of Wisconsin.
- A resolution in support of the Milwaukee County District Attorney, State of Wisconsin, and the United States Federal government to reform statutes and practices relating to the expungement of criminal and civil conviction and criminal and civil non-conviction records.
- A resolution establishing the "Fair Deal for Milwaukee County Workgroup" to identify and propose options for enhancing the long-term fiscal stability of Milwaukee County, enhance public services, and increase State funding of mandated services.
- A resolution requesting the Department of Parks, Recreation, and Culture to conduct a study, and provide a written report, of their conclusions on possible revenue-generating uses for the Mitchell Park Greenhouses, including the potential to grow and produce industrial hemp, hemp seeds, and cannabinoid oil, or construct a Grow Education Resource Center.
- A resolution authorizing and requesting the Milwaukee County Register of Deeds to distribute an additional 500 birth records for voting and 250 birth records for youth jobs through the Free Birth Certificate Program for voting and youth employment.
- A resolution stating Milwaukee County's opposition to the President of the United States' "zero tolerance" immigration policy and the separation of children from their families.
- A resolution providing for an advisory referendum on the November 6, 2018, election ballot to measure public opinion on allowing adults 21 years of age and older to engage in the personal use of marijuana, while also regulating commercial marijuana-related activities, and imposing a tax on the sale of marijuana.
- A resolution seeking criminal justice reform in the State of Wisconsin and the United States to reduce mass incarceration safely and effectively.
- A resolution/ordinance amending Section 107.01 and creating Section 107.02(9) of the Milwaukee County Code of General Ordinances regarding Fair Housing to include "receipt of rental or housing assistance" as a protected class. (03/12/18 and 5/14/18: Laid Over for One Meeting)
- A resolution opposing State legislation (Legislative Reference Bureau 5135/1) that further empowers the County Executive, and reduces or eliminates the legislative oversight of the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors.
- A resolution advocating for increased Federal funding to invest in early childhood development and seeking options to improve coordination between Milwaukee County-run programs and pre-schools.
- A resolution to raise awareness regarding infant mortality in Milwaukee County, and to recognize the ongoing efforts of the City of Milwaukee to reduce infant mortality, including the "Strong Baby" campaign and the "Best Babies Zone" initiative.
- A resolution/ordinance establishing Chapter 108 of the Milwaukee County Code of General Ordinances, creating an abatement schedule for residential properties, and the Housing Opportunities and Minimizing Evictions for Stabilization (HOMES) Program; authorizing the creation of one position within the Housing Division, Department of Health and Human Services, to manage the HOMES Program; creating a Housing Stabilization fund by reallocating \$100,000 from the Appropriation for Contingencies in 2017, and appropriating \$100,000 from the Appropriation for Contingencies to Legal Action's Eviction Defense Project

To view all votes on actions taken by the County Board and its committees, please visit the Milwaukee County Legislative Information Center at www.milwaukee.gov/CLIC

A New Term on the County Board



I was joined by two of my children, Ramaro and Ke'Neveah, when I was sworn in for my second term this April. I was also elected Second Vice-Chair of the County Board.

Supervisor Presses for Action on HIV/AIDS

I recently called for the County to step up its efforts on HIV/AIDS awareness, outreach, and prevention in the wake of a spike in cases in Milwaukee. Nine Milwaukee ZIP codes accounted for more than half of all new diagnoses among Milwaukee residents during 2015-2017: 53209, 53208, 53216, 53212, 53218, 53210, 53215, 53206, and 53204.

Milwaukee has one of the highest STD rates in the country. We have a moral imperative to take action and reduce the alarmingly high rates of HIV/AIDS in our community. To that end I proposed an amendment to the 2019 Milwaukee County budget that asks the county's Department of Health and Human Services to work with the AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin to increase awareness and prevention in those high risk ZIP codes. It also recommends considering a clean needle exchange program.

Expungement Reform

In November the County Board unanimously passed my resolution calling for the Wisconsin Legislature to reform and expand our expungement laws by adopting several recommendations of the Wisconsin Policy Forum. My resolution, crafted with the help of the Office of African American Affairs, calls for reform of laws and practices relating to the sealing of criminal records that make it difficult for people to obtain employment and pursue opportunities to provide for themselves and their families.

I was happy that every member of the county board could see the economic urgency of this issue. In a city with one of the highest unemployment rates and which is known as the worst place in the country to raise a black child, adding a conviction to these other factors makes it extraordinarily difficult for a person re-entering society to gain lawful employment and obtain life's basic necessities. Expungement allows people who have completed their sentences to be given a real chance to pursue opportunity and economic security for themselves and their families.

Energy Assistance

The Milwaukee County Energy Assistance Program is now available. Any household with a utility burden can apply for this one-time, annual benefit. Your benefit is based on your household's size, your household's income, and your utility usage. It's NOT based on whether or not you are behind on your bill or on how much you may owe.



Applying is Easy! Make an appointment or walk in to any of our sites. There are 6 sites across Milwaukee County for your convenience. All sites are on a bus line and are handicapped accessible.

Northwest - 4906 W. Fond du Lac Ave.
Downtown/Central - 728 N. James Lovell St.
West Allis - 6761 W. Greenfield Ave.
Southeast/Bay View - 2701 S. Chase Ave.
South - 5663 S. 27th St.
North - 6918 W. Brown Deer Rd.

You can apply any time between October 1, 2018 and May 15, 2019. Hours are: **Monday-Friday 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.** Last applicant taken 30 minutes before closing and subject to availability. Closed on major holidays. To schedule an appointment or for more information, call **270-4MKE (270-4653)** or go online to **www.keepwarmmke.org**

Community Assistance Resource List

Shelter Hotline: 302-6633

Men

Milwaukee Rescue Mission (Safe Harbor): 1820 W. Wells St. • 935-0200
Guest House of Milwaukee: 1216 N. 13th St. • 345-3240
Salvation Army Emergency Lodge: 1730 N. 7th St. • 265-6360
Salvation Army Respite Care: 1730 N. 7th St. • 265-6360
Hope House: 209 W. Orchard St. • 645-2122

Women

Cathedral Center, Inc.: 845 N. Van Buren St. • 831-0394 (x2153 or x2114)
Salvation Army Emergency Lodge: 1730 N. 7th St. • 265-6360
Salvation Army Respite Care: 1730 N. 7th St. • 265-6360
Hope House: 209 W. Orchard St. • 645-2122
Casa Maria: 1131 N. 21st St. • 344-5745

Families

Community Information Line: 211
A-Call: 302-6633

Salvation Army Annual Christmas Family Feast

This is the largest meal served in the country!

December 25, 2018 - 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Wisconsin Center - 400 W. Wisconsin Ave.

For additional assistance during the holidays and year round

Silver Spring Neighborhood Center: 5460 N. 64th St. • 463-7950

Impact 211 • Dial 2-1-1 or visit www.impactinc.org/impact-2-1-1

During times of personal crisis or community disaster, the free, confidential helpline and online resource directory make it easy for residents to get connected to information and assistance.





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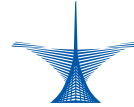
Thank You Thursday

Free general admission to MPM on the first Thursday of every month.
Visit mpm.edu for more info.



Family FREE Days & Special Holidays

2018: 12/1, **2019:** 1/5, 2/2, 3/2, 10/5, 11/2, 12/7.
Thanksgiving, Christmas & New Year's Day.
Visit milwaukeezoo.org for more info.



MILWAUKEE ART MUSEUM

**FREE for all visitors
the first Thursday of every month**

Visit mam.org for more info.



**FREE on Mondays from
9 a.m.-Noon for County residents**

Excludes major holidays.
Visit milwaueedomes.org for more info.

VILLA TERRACE
DECORATIVE ARTS MUSEUM

FREE for all visitors the first Wednesday of every month
Visit villaterrace.org for more info.

Charles Allis
Art Museum

FREE for all visitors the first Wednesday of every month
Visit charlesallis.org for more info.

Your Opinion Counts! *Detach this and mail (or send an e-mail) to:*

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Name: _____

Address/City/Zip: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Do you have any concerns in your area, such as housing, jobs, safety, or transportation? _____

What does moving Milwaukee forward look like to you? _____

Please check the items that you would like to request:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 2nd District E-newsletter (emailed) | <input type="checkbox"/> Prescription Discount Program Brochure | <input type="checkbox"/> Bikes on Buses Brochure |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Milwaukee County Map | <input type="checkbox"/> Milwaukee County Zoo Brochure | <input type="checkbox"/> Supervisor Taylor to speak or meet with your organization |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Milwaukee Public Museum Brochure | <input type="checkbox"/> Milwaukee County Transit Routes Guide | |